

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--wherein the connection processing means selects a different communication method in accordance with the type of the equipment to be monitored so as to acquire monitoring data, and converts the monitoring data into a predetermined format so as to send, and the operation control portion of the equipment to be monitored and the connection processing means are connected via a signal converting means, and the signal converting means converts between a short-distance transmission signal to the operation control portion side and a long-distance transmission signal to the connection processing means side.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 of the English translation of the specification as follows:

~~--In accordance with a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided an operation monitoring system as recited in the first aspect, wherein the operation control portion of the equipment to be monitored and the connection processing means are connected via a signal converting means, and the signal converting means converts between a short-distance transmission signal to the operation control portion side and a long-distance transmission signal to the connection processing means side.--~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with a ~~third~~ second aspect of the present invention, there is provided an operation monitoring system as recited in the first aspect ~~or the second aspect~~, wherein the connection processing means is provided with an isolation means

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for insulating and isolating the signal between the signal converting means side and the centralized monitoring means side.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 7 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with a ~~fourth~~ third aspect of the present invention, there is provided an operation monitoring system as recited in the ~~second~~ first aspect or the ~~third~~ second aspect, wherein the signal converting means is provided with an isolation means for insulating and isolating the signal between the monitored equipment side and the connection processing means side.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 14 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with a ~~fifth~~ fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided an operation monitoring system as recited in any one of the first to ~~fourth~~ third aspects, wherein the centralized monitoring means is constituted by a data collection server collecting output data from the connection processing means via a communication network, and a monitoring device connected to the data collection server, and sends abnormality detection data detected in the case that an operation state of the equipment to be monitored is abnormal, to a predetermined communication terminal device.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with a ~~sixth~~ fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided an operation monitoring system as recited in any one of the first to ~~fifth~~ fourth aspect, wherein the equipment to be monitored is a reefer container, and the centralized

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monitoring means monitors in a centralized manner on the basis of reception of a device information, an operation information, an abnormality information, an alarm of a communication abnormality and the like in the reefer container.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 29, line 1 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

~~--In accordance with the operation monitoring systems on the basis of the second aspect of the present invention;~~ Further, since the operation control portion of the equipment to be monitored and the connection processing means are connected via the signal converting means which converts between the short-distance transmission signal to the operation control portion side and the long-distance transmission signal to the connection processing means side, the communication can be achieved even if the distance from the operation control portion to the connection processing means is comparatively long.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 29, line 13 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with the operation monitoring system on the basis of the ~~third~~ second aspect of the present invention, since the signal converting means has the isolation means, it is possible to extend the signal transmission distance between the monitored equipment side and the connection processing means side without being affected by a disturbance such as an induced lightning stroke or the like.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 29, line 21 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with the operation monitoring system on the basis of the ~~fourth~~ third aspect of the present invention, since the connection processing means has the

isolation means, it is possible to extend the signal transmission distance between the centralized monitoring means and the communication means without being affected by a disturbance such as an induced lightning stroke or the like.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 4 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with the operation monitoring system on the basis of the fifth ~~fourth~~ aspect of the present invention, since it is possible to monitor in the centralized manner the equipment to be monitored from the remote place by the data collection server and the monitoring device, and the abnormality occurrence data is sent to the monitoring device and the communication terminal device from the data collection server at a time when the abnormality occurs in the equipment to be monitored, it is possible to securely notify the abnormality occurrence.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 15 of the English translation of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with the operation monitoring system on the basis of the sixth ~~fifth~~ aspect of the present invention, since it is possible to always monitor in the remote manner and manage in the centralized manner existence of the communication abnormality of the reefer container, the optimum temperature abnormality of the temperature inside and the internal abnormality of the operation control portion, it is possible to make the monitoring by patrol unnecessary. Further, since the occurred abnormality is immediately notified to the communication terminal device of the user, it is possible to rapidly take an action so as to prevent the perishable food or the like within the container from being damaged.--